

The Story of the Murderer Who Saw the Prophet in a Dream

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Chapter 1: A Vision in the Night

The Dream of Release: A Divine Command

Ibrāhīm ibn al-Ḥaqq, known as the Tūlī of Baghdad, narrates a profound experience:

"I saw in a dream that the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ was instructing me: ‘Release the murderer from the prison.'"

Upon awakening, he immediately inquired whether any individual charged with murder was currently imprisoned. It was confirmed that such a person existed, and he was brought before Ibrāhīm for examination.

Chapter 2: The Prisoner's Confession

A Life of Depravity: The Sinner's Past

When asked to disclose his background and actions, the prisoner spoke with unfiltered honesty:

Prisoner:

"I belonged to a group that committed immoral acts every night. We had employed an old woman whose task was to lure unsuspecting women into our hands through deception and trickery."

One day, the old woman brought a stunningly beautiful young lady. Unlike others, she pleaded with exceptional humility:

Young Lady:

"Do not dishonour me. I am a Syedani. My grandfather is the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ, and my mother is Fāṭimah al-Zahrā' (RA). For the sake of God, give me refuge. That old woman deceived me."

Her words deeply touched the prisoner's heart, yet his companions reacted with suspicion and hostility.

Prisoner:

"I signalled to the young lady. Watching us fight, she quietly fled. The commotion drew a crowd. Seeing a bloodied knife in my hand and a dead body beside me, the soldiers arrested me on the spot."

Chapter 4: Divine Intervention and Release

The Decision of the Court: A Justified Act

After hearing the complete account, the chief official responded with solemnity:

Kotwāl:

"In the path of Allāh and His Messenger ﷺ, I release you."

Chapter 5: Repentance and Transformation

A New Beginning: From Vice to Virtue

Following his release, the man renounced all immoral behaviour and sincerely repented from his former life.